

BRETHREN EVANGELIST

MAPLEVILLE, MD.

Dear Sisters of the Endeavors:—Doubtless many of you who are interested in the national work, you whose societies are loyal to the national organization, and have sent in your dues to the national treasury, are anxiously waiting the semi annual report. It will be forth coming now in a week or two. You remember we have a new treasurer, and it is new work to Sister Shaver, so she is waiting for me to see her report before sending it for publication. I shall stop for a little visit with her the latter part of this week, on my way to Dayton, Va., where I shall preach next Sunday. The report will then be sent to the EVANGELIST. Shall we have a good report? is a question that is interesting many of us. Have you as a local society been loyal to the constitution, loyal to the national S. S. C. E. loyal to all the purposes of your organization? Have you as individual members been loyal to your local organization, loyal to your membership, paying promptly your dues? Have you been loyal to our motto, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might"? If so, our question is answered for us,—our report will be a good one. If the report is not what it should be, there has been failure somewhere, there has been unfaithfulness somewhere.

We forget to know that some societies have grown tired; they have lost their first love; they have become lukewarm and inactive. Perhaps it is largely a result of discouragements. These we must meet everywhere and in all kinds of work, but dear sisters, we must not yield to them. It is simply laying down our arms and giving the enemy an easy victory,—a victory that ought to be ours, that must be ours, if we are determined by God's help and the grace of Jesus Christ to win it. Remember Paul says, "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season, *we shall reap, if we faint not.*" Where is the promise to us, if when discouragements or adverse circumstances come, we give up our effort? Behold, let us press bravely onward; let us work and plan, plan and work, seeking wisdom from above, surmounting every barrier, overcoming every obstacle to success, putting our own heart and life into the work, by our influence inspiring others to the work, never for a moment yielding to discouragements, and success must crown our efforts at last. I know that all this is more easily written than done, but it can be done,—not of our own strength, but "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

We forget also that a few societies have withdrawn from the national work, and now are working only for the benefit of the home church. I am sorry that this should seem to be necessary anywhere. The needs of the national work are so great. The amount asked from each is so small. The harvest is so great. Never was there greater need of earnest laborers than now. Never was there a greater harvest waiting for the reaper to trust in his sickle. Never were

there more wanderers on the highways of sin. Never did the Captain of our salvation call more loudly for recruits, men and women to help rescue the perishing. Never before did the call come more imperatively to us than now.

"Up and work! behold the morning
Sheds afar its golden ray,
Can you sleep when souls are dying
Up and labor with the day.
God has called and you have heard him,
Will you slight his great command,
Will you plead your want of courage,
When before his bar you stand?"

The harvest is so great but the laborers so few. There are so many calls that cannot be filled from lack of workers qualified for the work. We are glad that a number now, under Brother Perry's teaching are being fitted for this work. But money is needed for their tuition. How shall we obtain it, if all moneys are kept for the benefit of our home churches? The mission at Washington is needing help. Likewise at Chicago, and our other mission points, but how shall we give it, if our treasury be not supplied from the local societies? Dear sisters, you who have withdrawn from the national work, will you not consider the question, and again give us your support? It may require a little more sacrifice and selfdenial, but ask yourself "Will not the greater effort now, bring greater glory by and by?"

I close now, trusting that when our Treasurer's report is published, it shall be a gratifying one to you and me, and above, all, that it may be pleasing to Him in whose name we work.

LAURA E. N. GROSSNICKLE.

Elkhart, Ind.

It has been some time since the work of this place has been reported. Brother Hubbard has been our pastor for this year, and has done a good work. Congregations are steadily increasing and the prospects for the future are good. We also have an evergreen

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I will close, asking the prayers of God's people in behalf of the little band at Elkhart.

Yours respectfully,

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